**THURSDAY JULY 28 – XVII WEEK O. T. [C]**

**"Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."**

**If we read the Old Testament, we notice that every hagiographer always adds to the hagiographer who preceded him. What does he add? What the Lord reveals him and that had ever revealed before. Even the hagiographer of the New Testament, moved and sustained, guided and led by the Holy Spirit adds always new knowledge to the mystery of Christ Jesus. The same thing must be said for the Fathers of the Church. Everyone, always guided by the Holy Spirit, takes on the doctrine of those who preceded him and always adds other truth to the mystery of Christ that is divine, endless, eternal, human, of incarnation, passion, death, resurrection, glorious ascension to heaven, gift of his Holy Spirit. Even the great Doctors of the Church have added brighter truth to the truth received by them to those who preceded them. Who are the Saints? Those who have always given new life to the life of Christ Jesus. No one purely and simply repeats what he has received. Everyone adds a new light to the light of yesterday. One receives light, one adds light. If one does not add light to the received light, it is the sign that the Holy Spirit does not govern our heart, does not illuminate our mind, does not lead our spirit.**

**Here is how the Apostle Paul illuminates the mystery of Christ Jesus: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved. In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth. In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the one who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ. In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised holy Spirit,** **which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God's possession, to the praise of his glory. (Eph 1.3-14). It is enlightenment adding every light to the previous light. But also in each of his Letter the Holy Spirit adds new light to the light lavished in the previous letters. Adding light to light the mystery becomes more and more bright. A disciple of Jesus always repeating the same things is not certainly under the powerful government or motion of the Holy Spirit.**

**The Apostle John comes and both in his three Letters, and in the Book of Revelation and in his Gospel, gives Christ a most pure light, illuminating all the lights that have illuminated the mystery of Jesus so far. Here is how the Prologue of the Gospel gives full light to Jesus the Lord: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.** **From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him. (Cf. Jn 1.18). Most perfect light. Now one must only understand it.**

**Let us read the text of Mt 13,47-53**

**Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. "Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." When Jesus finished these parables, he went away from there.**

**It is righteous for everyone to ask: do I add light to the light of Christ that I received, or do I deprive the mystery of Christ the Lord of his light and of his truth? May the Mother of God help us. We want to illuminate the mystery with more and more great, shining, bright light. It is our obligation.**